



UN Ambassador Yehuda Blum greets the Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference...

U.S. blacks, Blum, fail to convince each other

UNITED NATIONS. — Wide differences remained yesterday between Israel and the leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference...

Three slightly hurt in TA Luna Park bombs

BY YORAM BAR Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Three explosive devices went off within an hour last night at the Luna Park in Youth City...

Foreign newsmen caught in tough Iran press crackdown

TEHRAN. — The Iranian government yesterday shut down 44 publications in Tehran and the provinces and expelled five foreign correspondents...

Anti-autonomy moves also on agenda Hussein, Arafat meet to plan UN strategy

Jerusalem Post Staff King Hussein of Jordan and Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, yesterday met at the northeastern Jordanian airbase of Ma'raq...



U.S. Middle East envoy Robert Strauss, with Israel Ambassador Ephraim Evron at his side, meets with reporters on his arrival in Washington Monday.

One group deadlocked in Alexandria talks

Jerusalem Post Staff The two Israel-Egyptian working groups negotiating details of the West Bank and Gaza autonomy yesterday concluded three days of talks in Alexandria...

UNIFIL says it expelled IDF force from S. Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies Israel and the UNIFIL command in Jerusalem yesterday differed sharply in their versions of a minor confrontation between IDF forces and troops of the peace-keeping force...

Property tax exemption seen for most flat owners

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter Nearly all flat owners will be exempt from property tax from April 1980...

Major threat to nation's economy foreseen Elek chief warns of coming oil price crisis

By AARON BITNER Jerusalem Post Reporter The crushing burden of oil prices for Israel is a greater threat to the economy than the current energy crisis...

Strauss' view seen prevailing U.S. probably won't table UN Palestine draft

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — Accepting the advice of special Middle East Ambassador Robert Strauss, senior U.S. policy makers yesterday reportedly agreed to drop their earlier proposal to drop their earlier proposal to have Washington introduce its own resolution...

Ehrlich ready to cut IL7b. from budget

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich has agreed in principle to a budget cut of up to IL7.5 billion, which, if accepted by the rest of the cabinet, would result in practically an immediate cut in the government's local purchases...

Kedumim asks gov't to seize Arab land

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter Kedumim residents yesterday met with Prime Minister Menachem Begin and demanded that the government seize Arab-owned land for Jewish settlement in the West Bank...

Swiss hold Lebanese suspect in Mohsen's Cannes slaying

GENEVA (AP). — Swiss authorities announced last night they are holding a 22-year-old Lebanese national as a suspect in the slaying at Cannes, France, last month of Zuhair Mohsen, head of the PLO's military department...

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Daniel Scheer, director of the U.S. Cultural Centre in Jerusalem, will speak on "New Services at the American Cultural Centre"...

PROPERTY

The Treasury has sent a draft of this proposal to other ministries and to Supreme Court justices for study. For the purpose of these changes a residential flat is defined as one which has been used for residential purposes for at least 75 per cent of the time it has been in the possession of the owner who is selling it.

UNIFIL

Nabatya. "Nothing of the kind ever happened," he said. UPI reported without attributing that "preliminary figures" showed eight persons killed and 19 wounded in the alleged attack.

HOME NEWS

Big cities' mayors plan to delay school start

By ALAN ELSNER Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The mayors of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa all supporting the recommendations, it is virtually certain that they will be approved. The dispute over municipal budgets has been going on for several months. Nevo termed the financial situation of the cities in "crisis proportions" with the accumulated deficit of the local authorities standing at IL5b. and with the budget for the present financial year still not approved.

Beware of toasted banknotes

The Jerusalem police fraud squad yesterday warned the public that counterfeit IL500 notes may be circulating in the city. The forgeries, not of very high quality, are produced by an innovative and almost laughably simple technique — photocopying.

Meshel, Ehrlich meet on C-o-L hike

By SHLOMO MAOZ and JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporters Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich will today propose to the secretary-general of the Histadrut, Yehoram Meshel, that a working group be set up to establish the rate of compensation to wage earners for price increases.



High school pupils, participating in a three-day course for traffic safety officers at a summer camp in the Jerusalem Forest, show Education Minister Zevulun Hammer how to cross the road. The course is part of the ministry's programme to instill road sense in the country's youth and help reduce the heavy toll taken by accidents. (Zoom 77)

Danish minister promises to fight Arab boycott

Post Economic Reporter Danish Finance Minister Knud Heinesen yesterday promised his Israeli counterpart that Denmark would do what it could in the EEC institutions to prevent discrimination against Israel as a result of the Arab boycott. He also promised Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich to strengthen the ties between the European Community and Israel.

Deathless day on roads

Only five accidents resulting in injuries but no deaths marked the 24-hour period ending yesterday morning. Thirteen people were injured, five of them seriously. (Itim)

Orthodox leaders to U.S. to pick Satmar heir

— Heads of the Beit Din (rabbinical court) of Jerusalem's ultra-orthodox Eida Haredit are due to leave for the U.S. this week to discuss the succession to the leadership of the Satmar hassidim.

U.S. WON'T

(Continued from page 1) early September. "Immediately following the Sadat-Begla meeting in Haifa." Although Strauss and Vance refused to spell out the nature of their recommendations to Carter, there were indications later in the day that they had decided, as their first-choice preference, to try to postpone the Security Council debate to avoid a U.S. veto.

KEDUMM

(Continued from page 1) The Kiryat Arba settlers collected signatures on a letter to be sent to Defence Minister Ezer Weizman warning that they would not remain silent.

No one hurt by grenade thrown at army jeep

A hand grenade was thrown early yesterday morning at an army jeep travelling north of Atarot Airport in the Judean Desert. No one was injured and only slight damage was caused to the vehicle.

EMERGENCY. — Due to technical difficulties the 106 emergency line to the Tel Aviv Municipality is not operating.

Ghanaian troops to join UNIFIL

The Ghana offer to bring UNIFIL up to full strength was accepted by the UN Security Council. The UN also said the Finnish contingent of UNDOF on the Golan Heights will be increased to 390, bringing it to the full strength of the Iranian battalion it replaced in March.

Loss of kashrut certificate boosts restaurant business

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter Would-be diners had to be turned away for lack of space and others telephoned support for Jerusalem's Mishkenot Sha'ananim restaurant yesterday, following the report in yesterday's Jerusalem Post about the revocation of its kashrut certificate by the city's chief rabbinite.

Actress may leave due to lack of tenure

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — English-born actress Aviva Marks, who has been acting for Habimah's National Theatre for almost 10 years, may leave the country due to Habimah's refusal to give her tenure. Marks said yesterday.

Much more to be unearthed at Tel Shikmona

By MARY HIRSCHFELD Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — "Probably the biggest building found which dates back to King Solomon's times has been turned into a public lavatory by bathers." These are the bitter words of Dr. Yosef Elgavish, director of Haifa's Ancient Art Museum and head of the Tel Shikmona excavation at the city's western outskirts.

LUNA PARK

(Continued from page 1) began to evacuate the thousands of visitors who had not already left after the first explosion. The second device also went off inside a rubbish bin. An Arab worker, Rifat Gamal, 19, of Rafah, who was near the bin, was injured in the leg and fell bleeding to the ground.

Jerusalem sad, not mad, over charges by Ghali

By ASHER WALLFISH Post Diplomatic Reporter Jerusalem reacted more in sorrow than in anger yesterday to charges by the Egyptian minister of state for foreign affairs, Boutros Ghali, as quoted in "Al-Ahram," that Israel was violating the spirit of the agreement on open borders. Ghali reportedly grumbled about Israel being niggardly about granting entry visas to Egyptians; about barring Egyptian newspapers and cultural material; about Israel's opposition to UN observers monitoring the Sinai peace; and about Israeli demands for direct student travel arrangements for Gazans going home.

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HOME NEWS

Other Rafiah settlements to get less Neot Sinai compensation 'not precedent-setting'

By HARRY WALL, Jerusalem Post Reporter. The IL20m. in compensation awarded to Moshav Neot Sinai for the loss of its vegetable fields will not serve as a precedent for compensation to the other Rafiah area villages, according to an informed source in the Ministry of Agriculture.

The source said there is "no way" the other settlements can expect to receive such a generous offer when their lands are handed over to Egypt in 1981. "Neot Sinai was a special case, based on the projected income the fields would have brought in over a three-year period (the remaining time the settlers had on the site)," he said.



Clowns held a group of children entranced at the pupils' fair at Tel Aviv's Kikar Atarim yesterday.

Rabbi Yosef: Withdrawal is allowed for a true peace

Jerusalem Post Reporter. Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef has restated his halachic opinion that Israel may hand over territories taken during war — including parts of Judea and Samaria — if such withdrawal results in a true peace.

Wealthy Jews footing the bill — 'New Outlook'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH, Jerusalem Post Reporter. The \$100,000 budget for the "New Outlook" symposium scheduled for Washington in October is being raised from contributions from long-time donors, the magazine's editor said yesterday.

Only three of the 15 Israeli MKs invited have indicated that they would come, two of them for technical reasons. The others, said Shoham, have said yes or maybe. There will be 300-400 participants in the conference, including Palestinians from the territories, Arabs from other countries, Americans and others.

Rosolio demands apology from 'New Outlook'

Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — Labour MK Daniel Rosolio demanded an apology from "New Outlook" yesterday — a day after the magazine had demanded that he apologize for insinuations about the funding for the controversial symposium in Washington late in October.

An ugly attempt to smear my name and a transparent manoeuvre to damage the Labour Party, Rosolio maintained that editor David Shoham based his letter on a newspaper report which he "did not bother seriously to check out. Had the matter been looked into, it would have become apparent that I said at Sunday's Labour Leadership Bureau that I wondered about the funding for the symposium. I did not elaborate."

Nablus mayor is refused permission to visit U.S.

By IAN BLACK, Jerusalem Post Reporter. Defence Minister Ezer Weizman has turned down a request by the mayor of Nablus, Bassam Shaka, to visit the U.S. next month to attend a number of pro-Palestinian meetings.

they thought it unlikely, however, that the legal proceedings against the mayor and other Nablus leaders — "frozen" in July — would be revived. Of all the pro-PLO mayors on the West Bank, the military government believes that Shaka is the most adamant in his opposition to Israeli rule and the autonomy plan. Officials describe him as "extremely stubborn" and "rejectionist."

The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday from reliable sources in the Judea and Samaria military government that the defence minister refused permission to Shaka shortly after a meeting between the two men in Tel Aviv a fortnight ago. The sources described the refusal as "point-blank and without conditions."

While the authorities concede that there may be some value in allowing West Bank mayors to visit the U.S. — in terms of broadening their horizons and hearing other views on the Middle East conflict — they are also aware of the dangers involved. Military government officials decided that because Shaka would almost certainly meet with PLO representatives in the U.S. and exploit his public appearances for attacks on Israel and the Camp David agreements, it would be unwise to let him go.

No new Negev town to be built — Levy

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — The government has decided not to establish another town in the South but rather to direct the available resources towards strengthening existing development towns, Housing Minister David Levy said here yesterday.

The director of the Public Works Department in the Negev, Dov Shpilberg, said that IL20m. will be spent this year on paving new roads in the South, at a cost of IL10m. per kilometre.

Salzburg music buffs ecstatic over IPO

The opening concert of the Festival of the Salzburg International Orchestra at the Salzburg Festival, which was broadcast live by radio stations in Austria, West Germany, France and Italy, was heard by an estimated 25 million listeners.

Israeli to visit Moscow book fair

The executive director of the Jerusalem International Book Fair, Gershon Koplak, has been invited to attend the Second Moscow International Book Fair, to be held September 4-10.

Rubin Academy choir wins at int'l festival

The chamber choir of the Rubin Academy in Jerusalem, directed by Stanley Sperber, has won first prize at the International Youth Festival in Vienna. The competition included choirs from many European countries. The international jury said in its citation that the Rubin Academy choir was superior to other competing groups in all respects, not only from the musical point of view.

At Haifa Port Border Police doublecheck luggage checked by customs

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter. HAIFA. — The Border Police apparently doesn't trust the customs officers in Haifa Port, with the result that tourists and returning Israelis have to have their luggage checked and rechecked. The situation reached chaotic proportions yesterday when the passenger ships docked early in the morning with some 900 passengers.

The director of customs in the port told The Jerusalem Post that the check by his men was sufficient. "and I have complained about the recheck." The commander of the Coastal Police, the third force based in the port, told The Post that the double check was a "holdover" from the days before the Border Police took over from the port management's own guard, several years ago, when the port guard made "exit gate checks."

FAHLAV — The Swedish foreign ministry said yesterday that the shah of Iran had made indirect approaches to the Swedish government regarding possible political asylum, but that no action will be considered until some sort of official contact is established.

DET. — Michael Avitzour has been appointed general director of ORT Israel.

Mail centres may silence postman's ring

By AARON SITTNER, Jerusalem Post Reporter. The postman who is always supposed to ring twice eventually may not even ring once. In an interview with The Jerusalem Post yesterday, Shlomo Ambar, director of the Postal Service, outlined one of the hottest ideas currently circulating at the Ministry of Communications — doing away with the letter carrier by building neighbourhood mail pickup centres throughout the country.

sure to develop. I can promise one thing — more frequent and faster mail delivery, perhaps even guaranteed overnight delivery of letters between any two points in the country."

probably would do so. "The search for an alternative to the postman was forced upon us," he said. "The country's 1,200 letter carriers are getting older and nobody seems interested in taking such a job nowadays. A letter carrier who is a son of a letter carrier does not exist in this country."

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The MPCs, unlike post offices now, will not sell stamps, accept letters, parcels or telegrams, or offer bill payment services on behalf of the Postal Bank.

Ambar's people are currently discussing establishment of MPCs with local authority officials in Arad and Be'er Sheva. In Zafit, the idea has already been approved by the local residents' committee.

Ambar admitted that the idea was not born out of a desire to improve postal service, though it

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An exhibit of coins of the procurators of Judaea opens today at the Israel Museum. The coins appeared only in the Land of Israel from the year 6 CE to the time of the Jewish rebellion in 66 CE. The coin pictured here was minted sometime between 9 CE and 12 CE. Portraits of the Roman rulers were not put on the coins so as not to antagonise the local population. Only symbols such as date trees, wheat, and grapes were used. The coins were a gift in honour of Martin Savin of Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania.

Greece's position on PLO seen changing

ATHENS (Reuter). — Greece is not currently prepared to change its stand on recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization despite press reports that it may soon allow the movement to set up an office in Athens, a government spokesman said yesterday.

Vandalism epidemic in Haifa schools

HAIFA (Itim). — The Haifa Municipality has spent almost IL1,000,000 to replace windows broken in the city's schools this summer by vandals.

Gandhi still at centre of India stage

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Former premier Indira Gandhi yesterday submitted undisclosed proposals to President Sanjiva Reddy in an attempt at ending India's political crisis.



U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn dance to Dixieland tunes on Monday night at Davenport, Iowa, aboard the Delta Queen, a Mississippi River paddleboat aboard which the Carters are vacationing as it travels the length of the longest river in the U.S.

Sandinista win setback for Israel's Latin America policy

By CHARLES A. KRAUSE The Washington Post

MANAGUA. — Shortly after Panamanian strongman Omar Torrijos arrived here on Saturday for a two-day state visit, he was presented with an Israeli-made Galil sub-machinegun by leaders of Nicaragua's new revolutionary government.

Exporting Countries arrived this weekend to help the new government, and Arturo Cruz, president of Nicaragua's central bank, said he is hoping to receive \$50m-100m from OPEC.

The Monteneros in Argentina and the Tupamaros in Uruguay.

FLO leader Yasser Arafat has met with the leaders of both of these urban guerrilla groups and, according to Israeli and other intelligence sources, has covertly provided arms and training to them.

Polisario attacks Moroccan town

RABAT (Reuters). — King Hassan appeared to have failed yesterday in his attempt at conciliation over the Western Sahara dispute as Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas reported another strike, this time inside Moroccan territory.

Soviets expel Canadian trying to free Shcharansky

MOSCOW (AP). — Canadian Embassy officials said yesterday they were pressing Soviet authorities to explain the abrupt expulsion from this country of Canadian law professor Irwin Kotelar.

Industrialist slain in Portugal ambush

LISBON (Reuters). — A Portuguese industrialist, acquitted in July last year of charges arising out of a wave of bombings against left-wing targets, has been shot dead in an ambush in northern Portugal, police said yesterday.

Manila officials worried refugees may bring malaria

MANILA. — Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos told two U.S. congressmen yesterday he fears Vietnamese refugees may bring a deadly type of malaria into the Philippines.

Nearly 6,000 refugees are staying in Philippine camps at present, awaiting resettlement in Western countries. There has been no report so far that any of the refugees has brought the disease into the country.

Chad factions to form unity gov't

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (Reuters). — Nine rival groups in Chad signed an agreement in Lagos yesterday to form a government of national union with Idriss Deby (Chad Liberation Front) leader Goukouni Oueddei as president, Lagos Radio reported.

One of 3 surviving octuplets has jaundice

NAPLES. — Doctors said yesterday one of three surviving octuplets born to a Naples housewife had developed jaundice but that her overall condition was stationary.

Moscow cautions U.S. against arms buildup in Indian Ocean

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union said yesterday that the Indian Ocean is vital to Soviet trade and security and warned against any American military buildup in the strategic waters.

Optimistic Briton got new heart

LONDON (AP). — The cheerful character of Britain's latest heart transplant patient could help him recover, his surgeon says.

Thailand's worst railroad crash kills 50, hurts 200

BANGKOK (AP). — Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan ordered an immediate investigation into a train crash near Bangkok yesterday that killed more than 50 persons — mostly women and children — and injured about 200 others.

Radio Thailand said it assumed full responsibility and would pay compensation to the families of the dead and injured. Railway officials said they would pay an initial \$300 to relatives who claimed the bodies for funeral sites.

Arson suspected in Europe forest fires

LISBON, Portugal (UPI). — Firefighters contained a series of suspicious forest fires in the mountains above this elegant seaside resort Monday, but another major blaze raged out of control in the Louisa Sierra to the northwest.

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Barefoot tribesman beats climbers to mountain summit

NAIROBI (AP). — Two British mountaineers scaled the 5,200 metre Mt. Kenya and found at the top of Africa's second-highest peak a barefoot, thinly dressed African who had come to pray, according to a park warden.

Bible comics: Samson in all his gory

LONDON (AP). — Spiderman, the Incredible Hulk and bug-eyed monsters from space have little to teach the Bible Society when it comes to horror, say critics of the society's new comic book venture.

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THE VIENNA CONNECTION

By OSWALD JOHNSTON / Washington

ON THE FINAL day of the Vienna summit, when all eyes were on the signing of an arms treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union, a routine diplomatic meeting marked the beginning of what now appears to be a serious deterioration in U.S.-Israel relations.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance met June 18 with the summit host, Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, to discuss U.S.-Austrian affairs. During the meeting, Kreisky informed Vance of his plan to invite Yasser Arafat, head of the PLO, to make a formal visit to his capital.

According to the terse report of the session filed later with the State Department, Kreisky's purpose was to inform Vance of the first move by a West European leader to give the PLO chief quasi-governmental recognition.

Vance, the report said, merely "took note" of Kreisky's disclosure and gave no sign of either approval or disapproval.

But Kreisky's disclosure started a flurry of activity by U.S. officials in Vienna and Washington, in the Middle East and at the United Nations, in search of a new diplomatic formula that might bring the Palestinians into the Middle East peace negotiations.

By the time of the Kreisky-Arafat summit on July 7 and 8, Vienna was the focus of intense scrutiny in the State Department — the U.S. Embassy there filed some 70 cables on Arafat's visit.

In addition, Milton A. Wolf, the U.S. ambassador to Vienna, met three times with a Vienna-based PLO representative between June 8 and Kreisky's July 8 meeting with Arafat. The State Department conceded that the last of those meetings was arranged to discuss PLO policy.

THE PART played by Ambassador Wolf in Kreisky's initiative remains unclear, and information reaching Washington from the Vienna embassy has been murky and contradictory. Wolf has refused to talk to reporters except for a single interview with a hometown newspaper in Cleveland, in which he candidly admitted his interest in exploring PLO policy positions.

But enough is known to piece together a sequence of events that helps explain why Israel was all but certain by mid-July that the U.S. was changing its policy towards the PLO.

The sequence began June 8, when Wolf accompanied Kreisky back to Vienna from the U.S., where the chancellor had been for medical reasons.

According to the cable report Wolf later filed with the State Department, the ambassador and the chancellor disembarked from their trans-Atlantic flight in Paris and boarded a chartered private plane that had flown in from Vienna to be "at the disposal" of Kreisky.

Aboard the plane was Issam Sartawi, a PLO moderate who had



Cyrus Vance



Yasser Arafat



Bruno Kreisky

earlier sought to open a dialogue with left-wing Israelis and members of the American Jewish community. A discussion lasting nearly two hours reportedly took place during the flight to Vienna.

The State Department characterized the meeting as a "chance encounter" and said it was confined to "social amenities." But Wolf's cable report on the meeting drew a Department reply reminding

him of the policy ban on "substantive discussions" with PLO members. He was also advised to classify similar reports in future with the code LMDIS — designating limited

distribution in the bureaucracy to reduce the chance of leaks.

That precaution was justified weeks later when, in the turgid over Young's unauthorized contacts with a PLO representative at the UN, the contents of Wolf's cable reporting his airborne discussion were leaked to The Jerusalem Post's Washington correspondent, Wolf Blitzer.

The State Department's sketchy records speak of a second "chance encounter" between Wolf and Sartawi taking place between the June 8 plane trip and the July 7 meeting between Kreisky and Arafat.

IT IS KNOWN that the pace of Wolf's reporting on PLO matters picked up as the Arafat meeting neared. Wolf informed the State Department of Arafat's schedule in Vienna, and once the meetings were under way, Wolf is understood to have filed voluminous reports, many of them based on briefings by Kreisky himself.

Within the State Department, the main point of interest was whether Arafat in any way signalled a credible moderation of PLO policy, and it appears that Wolf did his best to find out.

According to an unconfirmed account, Kreisky at one point went so far as to suggest a meeting between Wolf and Arafat. That would have been a flagrant violation of U.S. policy, and no such meeting ever oc-

curred. But it appears that no such initiatives were applied to Sartawi. On July 8, Sartawi asked to meet Wolf a third time in order to clarify a statement in the communiqué that was published at the close of the Arafat visit, according to the State Department's official account.

Wolf and Sartawi met alone the same day. The official version does not say where, but the possibility that the meeting took place in the U.S. Embassy has not been denied.

The official version also describes Wolf as merely listening to Sartawi's explanation and offering no U.S. policy position in reply.

But another account has Wolf querying Sartawi about the fact that Kreisky, in a public statement uncontradicted by Arafat, had declared that the PLO's aim in the Middle East "is not the destruction of the State of Israel."

Wolf told the "Cleveland Press" that it was he who initiated the July 8 meeting with Sartawi — presumably on the brink of accepting a Middle East solution in which Israel would continue to exist as a state.

Wolf's report on that third session with Sartawi was made by telephone, on a secure line from the embassy to Washington, and its contents have so far been leak proof.

But it is known that the Carter Administration relied heavily on the outcome of the Arafat visit to Vienna when it decided later in July to explore PLO attitudes further during the UN Security Council debate on Palestinian rights.

(Washington Post News Service)

Feeling the pinch

By JOHN DORNBERG / Munich

SOMETHING happened to Karl Marx and his disciples on their way into the third quarter of the 20th century. Some of their theories, it seems, have got lost.

Inflation, which they regarded as a disease peculiar to capitalism and just one more piece of evidence that capitalism has within it the seeds of its own destruction, is now hitting the Communist countries of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, too.

In Hungary last month, electricity rates were raised by 55 per cent; prices for meat, milk and dairy products, flour, sugar, gas, coal, heating oil, automobiles, furniture, leather goods, and movies and theatre tickets rose by 20 to 30 per cent, and the cost of paprika — the most vital ingredient of Hungarian cuisine — went up by a whopping 100 per cent.

In Czechoslovakia, the regime has just announced price hikes of up to 50 per cent for petrol, postage, telephone installation and calls, telegrams, and children's clothing.

In Yugoslavia, retail prices last month were 21 per cent higher than in July, 1978.

Poland, Rumania and Bulgaria have all increased the cost of petrol within the past few weeks by 15 to 100 per cent.

And in the Soviet Union itself, prices for precious metals, furs and carpets rose by 50 per cent last month. Prices for evening restaurant meals rose by 45 per cent, imported home furnishings by 30 per cent, domestically produced furniture by 10 per cent, and cars by 15 per cent.

SOME of the reasons for the price rises are similar to those in the Western capitalist democracies and have a hauntingly familiar ring to inflation-plagued consumers there.

Thus, because of the growing interdependence of world economies, the Soviet bloc and East European countries are also affected by the increases in the prices of raw materials, the spiralling cost of oil and primary energy sources, and the dwindling international energy supply.

Another factor is that the Soviet Union and other members of Comecon, the Communist version of Western Europe's Common Market, have been building up home-grown inflationary pressures for a number

of years in the form of wage increases with a corresponding lag in the production of consumer goods on which to spend the additional take-home pay.

Personal savings have risen to an all-time high in Eastern Europe as the increased purchasing power has found no outlet because of the shortage, narrow choice and poor quality of desirable consumer durables.

In Yugoslavia, on the other hand, where the economy, despite public ownership of the means of production, operates on market principles and has been described as "laissez-faire socialism," the primary cause of inflation is overvalued investment being financed through bank credits at unrealistically low interest rates. High domestic demand is being fuelled by public and private spending.

Finally, the Comecon countries are deliberately using price hikes to bring their centrally planned and centrally run economies into a semblance of logical order.

For decades, prices of basic consumer goods and services have been kept artificially low with the help of subsidies, often lower than the actual costs of production. But the prices of a wide range of durables — appliances, cars, furnishings, clothing — have been kept artificially high due to secret taxes, revenues from which have then been used to defray the expense of the subsidies for the basics.

In Moscow, for example, electric current is still billed at only about 6 cents a kilowatt hour and a ride on the Metro is still only 5 kopeks (about 7 cents at the current official

exchange rate) — the same price as when that subway system was inaugurated in 1935. Rare is the Muscovite who pays more than 10 per cent of his monthly take-home pay for the rent of an apartment.

In fact, rents are so low that they cover neither the construction costs nor the upkeep of the building. State subsidies for the low consumer price of milk, dairy products and meat cost the Soviet treasury more than \$40b. last year.

ON THE OTHER HAND, a Fiat-designed "Zigull" sedan, now the most widely built and most popular Soviet car, cost 5,500 rubles (about \$1,195,000) until July 1 — the equivalent of 55 months' salary for the average Russian industrial worker, and the price has recently climbed to 6,490 rubles (about \$1,225,000).

Since the state owns and runs all means of production, it has been a bit like taking the money out of one pocket and putting it into the other. "What we are now doing," says a Hungarian economist and banker, "is trying to make our whole system more realistic by levying prices for goods and services that are actually in line with what it costs to produce and perform them."

That is a kind of ABC of economics that Communist experts recognized long ago but were prevented from putting into practice by Marxist ideology and government fear of public reaction if they did.

The most striking examples of what does happen are to be found in Poland in 1970 and 1976 when price increases, particularly for meat and other food, triggered bloody riots, which ultimately toppled Wladyslaw Gomulka from his post as Communist party chief. The increases had to be quickly rescinded.

ACTUALLY, price hikes are hardly new to the Communist countries. But in the past they were carefully disguised. Instead of raising their prices, certain products simply disappeared from the market — only to be reintroduced under different labels describing them as "new" or "improved" with correspondingly higher price tags.

Now the authorities have become more forthright, identifying price increases as exactly that, albeit putting the blame elsewhere.

THE NEW prime minister of Grenada, Maurice Bishop, says he was given this headmasterly warning by Washington shortly after he seized power in April: "We would view with displeasure any tendency on the part of Grenada to develop closer ties with Cuba."

This undoubtedly reflects the concern felt by the Carter administration about the future orientation not only of Grenada but also of the other five former British island colonies in the Caribbean which either have achieved or are about to achieve total independence.

Until recently, Washington could regard the Caribbean almost as an American lake, with Britain guarding its eastern perimeter in its capacity of watchdog for foreign affairs and defence of the five territories as long as they remained states "in association" with Britain.

Grenada set the pace by becoming totally independent in 1974. This was followed in 1979 by Dominica and St. Lucia, and the other three, St. Vincent, Antigua and St. Kitts/Nevis have, for all practical purposes, severed the last British connection. All have populations of between 75,000 and 120,000 almost entirely descendants of imported African slaves.

Grenada's post-independence revolution, which toppled dictatorial Prime Minister Sir Eric Gairy, has heralded the end of American dominance in the Caribbean. The writing on the wall is not only in Cuban Spanish but also in Chinese characters.

WILL THE OTHER five islands follow Grenada's path and stage similar left-wing orientated, anti-American revolutions?

In Grenada itself, visitors report that until a few weeks ago when they landed at Parris Airport they faced the alarming sight of four or five young men pointing guns at them from the roof of the small terminal building.

And the immigration procedure,

Waves appear on 'American lake'

By JOHN CROCKER / London

conducted almost at gunpoint, seemed to be endless. All quite understandable, no doubt, in view of the need to guard against an invasion by forces of the ousted Gairy regime.

The gun-toting at the airport has now ended, but a military, no-nonsense atmosphere still prevails. For example, in the taxi on the way from the airport to the beautiful little capital, St. George's, you pass a point, nearly 2,000 feet high, where a former spacious guest house and its surrounding ground has been converted into a military camp.

You see drilling and much brandishing of guns; and you are told that Cuban officers are in charge. In other parts of the island, as you drive round its 120 hilly square miles, you see jeep-loads of soldiers dressed in Cuban-style forms.

People vie with each other telling stories of how Cuban ships have been seen unloading arms. And there has even been talk of Cubans having installed a missile of advanced design which is capable of reaching targets in Venezuela.

The former Prime Minister of St. Lucia, John Compton, has been quoted as saying that he had evidence that \$5m. worth of arms had recently been crated in from Cuba.

Doom-watchers, meanwhile, have been pointing dramatically to the recent opening in Barbados of a Chinese embassy from which representatives have been fanning out all over the Eastern Caribbean.

They have been offering help to Bishop and to the governments of Dominica, St. Lucia and St. Vincent. Observers also point to the changes of government, and hence of political orientation, which have been taking place in the islands.

In St. Lucia, there has been a particularly dramatic change following the July 2 elections, the solidly "bourgeois" Prime Minister John Compton, and the man who was largely responsible for St. Lucia's current booming tourist industry, having been beaten by the Labour Party leader, Allan Louisy. There was rioting before and after the elections.

In Dominica, near chaos has been expected for some months before the recent ousting of Prime Minister Patrick John and the assumption of office by Oliver Seraphine. Rioting and violence there have also been the order of the day.

In Antigua, a territory which is almost entirely dependant for its livelihood on the West American tourist dollar, Premier Vere Byrd said recently that his government, though it had hitherto accepted the fact that Antigua was very much in the American sphere of influence (there is an American missile tracking station there), would have to look closely into the question of whether it would be desirable for the territory to shift its foreign alignment policy.

In St. Kitts/Nevis the two "old-timers," Bradshaw and Southwell,

premier and deputy premier, both nurtured in the British system of parliamentary government, have recently died and political power is now in the hands of former attorney-general Lee Moore, aged 39.

St. Vincent is still recovering from the havoc caused by the recently reactivated volcano, Soufriere, which not only caused massive evacuation from homes but also ruined the banana crop, which is the mainstay of the island's economy.

Its premier, Milton Cato, a London-trained barrister, however, is probably the only "old school" West Indian politician remaining in power in the Eastern Caribbean; but it is significant that in St. Vincent's small and rather bedraggled capital, Kingstown, you frequently see marches and demonstrations by the hundreds of young unemployed who want a radical change of government.

IN ALL the islands there is a very powerful tradition of Christianity, predominantly Roman Catholic due to the fact that all the islands have been at one time or another French possessions; but the Protestant religions are also strong, due to the British influence.

"Reds under the beds, Cubans in the closet, and now Chinese at the end of the garden. They can't really make much difference to the West Indian, carnalistic way of life," said a middle-aged American who lives in St. Lucia because he loves the sunshine and the fishing.

And in this way of life, one can't help thinking it is probably irrelevant for Washington to talk in headmasterly terms.

A change of political orientation is undoubtedly taking place in the islands, but, as one veteran Grenada politician put it, "just because you accept help in the form of advice and expertise from a communist country it does not follow that you are yourself a communist."

(Gambit News Service)

Albania looks to the West

By PETER RISTIC / Belgrade

A REVOLUTION is sweeping the world of the European gourmet. Albanian snails have streaked ahead of the French escargot on the world market and Albanian tomatoes are served in the smartest restaurants of Vienna.

Albania has been forced to look for new outlets for its produce since China halted all trade with the country a year ago. In the honeymoon days of Sino-Albanian relations, the country's snails and agricultural exports were part of a \$5b. Chinese aid effort to make Albania a Marxist-Leninist paradise. At one time China accounted for around one-third of Albania's exports, even reportedly providing free transport.

Can snails and vegetables, as well as Albanian chrome ore and brandy, save the country from an economic disaster caused by the severing of the Chinese lifeline?

It is a question of added importance because of a looming leadership crisis. Enver Hoxha — the man who has ruled the hermit country for more than 30 years — is ill. So is Mehmet Shehu, his deputy. Albanian watchers have credited Hoxha with scores of deadly illnesses over the years, but one of the best sources in Tirana today reports he has a serious heart condition.

Shehu, with a reputation as a brilliant and ruthless military commander, is said to be desperately ill in Paris.

In one purge after another, Hoxha has sought to remove all potential opposition. The last was two years ago, when Peking sympathisers were routed out. Relations with the USSR were cut in 1961.

ANALYSTS speculate that the younger men poised to take over could set the country on an entirely new course. "The post-Hoxha period will be more important than the time after Tito in Yugoslavia," says one of the most experienced Western diplomats in Belgrade.

Western experts believe that only vast sums of aid, probably running into billions of dollars, can possibly complete the several vast projects that the Chinese left half-finished.

Western concern over a possible shift towards the Soviet bloc is explained by Albania's strategic position. The country is about 35 miles across the water from Italy, and a Soviet fleet based in Albania would upset the entire strategic balance in the Balkans and the Mediterranean. Until 1961, the Russians had a military and naval base in Vlora. A return to Vlora today would be much more important because the Soviet

Navy has since grown into a potent force. Even in the days of massive Western military supremacy, the idea of a pro-Soviet leader along the Adriatic was alarming. In the early 1950s the CIA and British agents worked to topple Hoxha, but the British double-agent Kim Philby's betrayal of the landing of CIA-backed emigres on Albanian beaches brought the scheme to nothing.

Some Western diplomats report that factories are being forced to reduce output — and perhaps even close — because of the lack of spare parts from China. Not one Chinese nut or bolt has arrived in Tirana since the split, and experts believe that in almost a generation the Chinese supplied more than half of all mechanical equipment — from lathes to bicycles — now in the country.

Support is given to the reports by a survey of Albanian experts. Raw materials and agricultural products, not manufactured goods, appear to predominate; imports are mostly spare parts and machinery.

Young Albanian workers are said to be leaving the towns for work in the countryside. Thirty such workers — responding to a nationwide call — recently left the northern Albanian town of Shkoder for a one-to-three-year stint on the farms.

ALBANIAN diplomats in Belgrade will admit to difficulties caused by the split with China, but insist that

the standard of living is always improving. The Albanian press reports that this year's half-year performance figures for some hundred or so enterprises and districts are ahead of target.

But one sign of the serious economic plight is the recent Albanian approach to West Germany for \$4.5b. in war reparations, after being told years ago that this was impossible. Diplomats speculate that, behind the new approach, lies the hope that they may at last get some sort of aid — on the model, perhaps, of the \$300m. given to Yugoslavia in the early 1970s — in return for the establishment of relations.

So far there are no signs that the Albanian leadership is turning to East Europe for help. Trade with the Soviet bloc is up, but so is it with West European nations.

Albanian leaders have opted to develop contacts with the smaller countries of Western Europe, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland, Norway, and Austria. They recently signed a five-year trade agreement with the Swedes and have asked them for scholarships for technicians. This year the Albanians are also planning to be represented for the first time in a string of affairs in the West.

Anti-Western and anti-Soviet propaganda out of Tirana appears about equal in volume, and the Albanians criticize aid from the East and the West as a form of domination. The propaganda emphasis is on independence.

But, as the trade challenge is forcing them to find out, independence does not mean isolation.

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LEEDS. — Sonny Gavaskar and Dilip Vengarkar defied the England bowlers yesterday and guided India to a tame but honourable draw in the rainmarred third cricket test match.

Gavaskar, one of the most consistent test batsmen in the world, made his 40th 50 in 49 matches for India. He was moving steadily towards his 20th test century when he played over a ball from left-arm spinner Phil Edmunds and was bowled. The score was then 186 for 5. Gavaskar had made exactly half the runs.

Monaco to send top tennis team
Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Monaco will, after all, send its top players here for the principality's September 13 to 15 Davis Cup tie against Israel at Ramat Hasharon, local tennis association general secretary Zvi Meyer told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Earlier, Monaco had warned that they would probably be represented by a reserve team, as their cup players have to compete in the French Nationals taking place at the same time as the match. Israel went down 1-4 to Monaco in Monte Carlo four years ago, in the only previous Davis Cup contest between the two countries.

Soccer kicks off Israel's 'Olympic year'
By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — With the national soccer team hopefuls starting serious training this week, Israel's "Olympic year" season has got into gear.

The Olympic Games qualifying matches will dominate the entire National League season and the year's international programme. The national team will make its seasonal debut against the German first division side Eintracht Frankfurt at the Ramat Gan stadium on September 4. This will be its sole trial match before the Olympic qualifying match against Spain at Ramat Gan on September 26.

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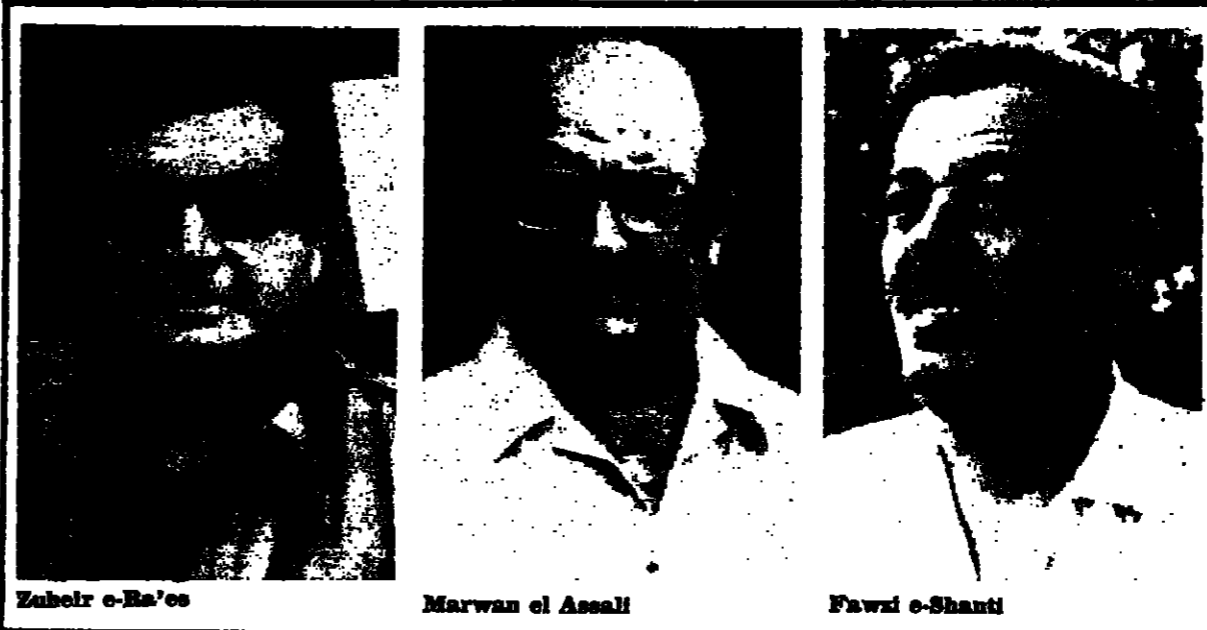
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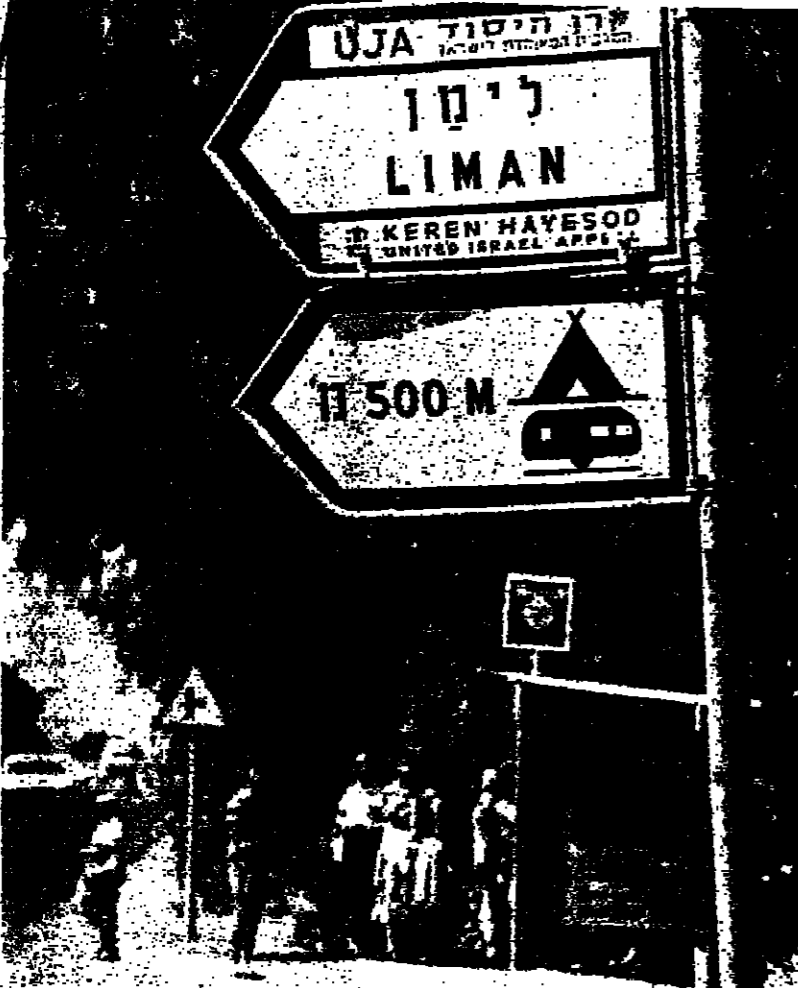
Arab journal will promote dialogue

By GIDEON WEIGERT/Special to The Jerusalem Post



Shira's is considered by Arab intellectuals as having by far the highest standard of any Arabic publication in Jerusalem and the area. However, this paper has for months been the victim of Israeli bureaucracy: its 11 issues were allowed to circulate freely throughout the Gaza Strip, while the same military government banned its sale in the West Bank. All efforts to obtain a permit to sell his paper in Judea and Samaria have failed so far, says Mr. Assali, who simply cannot understand why a publication passed by the Israeli censor should be all right for the people in Gaza, and "not kosher" for the inhabitants of Ramallah.

Raza ("Gaza News") is a monthly edited by Sheikh Ahmed Abu Sirwana. These two publications reflect a rich variety of cultural and economic and even artistic activities in the Gaza Strip, not usually expected by people unfamiliar with affairs in that area. Both have sections for women, sport and theatre and even puzzles and large columns for readers' letters. "A-Difa", the well-known Arabic daily of the Mandatory era, which moved from Jaffa to East Jerusalem in 1948, was closed by King Hussein before the Six Day War. All efforts by its founding family, the A-Shanti, to revive the paper in Amman failed — the ban remained in force there too. The family is just making the final preparations for a new A-Shanti daily to be published in this country. "Bahah el-Kheir" ("Good Morning") will soon make its appearance under the co-editorship of the brothers Jamal and Fawzi A-Shanti. Fawzi has for years published a regular column in "Al Anba."



Misguided signs

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER/Jerusalem Post Reporter

TWO FAMOUS statesmen who have places in northern Israel named in their memory may well be sleeping restlessly, if not actually turning in their graves. Their names have been garbled by the Keren Hayesod signposts to the places named in their honour. In addition, my investigation established that the people who live in or near the places memorialising the late David Lloyd George and Senator Herbert Lehman don't know whom they are commemorating.

FOUNDED in 1949, the moshav, first named "Zahal," was soon renamed in honour of the senator. It then apparently got transliterated into Hebrew as "Zehal" and finally into "Liman," for the Keren Hayesod, which should have known better, or at least should have bothered to find out.

FATE OF THE FALASHAS

JEWISH SCENE Geoffrey Wigoder

THE ATTITUDE of the present government to the Falashas compares well with the imperial regime. They are interested in raising the standard of living of minority groups and look favourably on the ORT operations. However, they are suspicious of anything that smacks of "colonialism" or "imperialism," and any pro-American and Zionist activity falls into this category. Latest reports say that ORT has 82 classes in 19 schools, many in inaccessible areas. Problems of communication and transport are formidable, and not made easier by continuing guerrilla activity. Seventy-three teachers are teaching 1,600 pupils general subjects, Hebrew and Jewish history. Synagogues have been built in ten villages.

Slam hands

BRIDGE/George Levinrew

Smooth manipulation of the cards in bidding and play can be particularly important in slam hands. That was the case in today's rubber bridge deal. My partner was Neil Cohen, 16, a visitor from London.

Bridge deal table showing West and East hands with cards and scores.

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South won with the club jack. He saw he would have to win nine tricks in hearts and spades to be sure of his contract. He won the heart jack on a finesse, and with East dropping the nine South rightly feared a 4-1 split in hearts. My hand had 17 points in high cards, plus three more for the eight-card fit in hearts. These 20 points were worth seven tricks. I might therefore have bid five hearts immediately, but I decided to keep one trick in reserve and bid only four hearts. The void in diamonds gave South extra strength, so using Blackwood CRO, in response to which I showed the spade and diamond aces, Neil bid six hearts.

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TEL AVIV. — Although conditions in Israel in all probability will get worse, there will be no "economic explosion" here, says Amos Berkovich, senior deputy managing director of Electra.



Amos Berkovich

Berkovich, who recently returned from a three-month course at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, bases his viewpoint on two things: First, he is a "cautious optimist," and such people always look on the bright side of things while tempering their optimism with realism. Second, he believes (thanks partially to his three months at Harvard) that the Americans have a tendency to look at all economic problems within political and other contexts.

"In this specific case, it means that the Americans have lost (if temporarily) Iran and that they are watching Saudi Arabia with wary eyes. And if they take a good hard look at the entire Middle East, America's strongest and most stable ally is Israel. Israel is America's anchor in the Middle East. Therefore, America will come rushing in to stamp out any fuse attached to a bomb."

As evidence to support his contention, he recalls the U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, on hearing that things were about to blow up in Israel, asked Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, "What can we do to help prevent this?" Berkovich does not believe in rejecting American help, but thinks "we should keep it in reserve. Meanwhile, we should start balancing our own books, not only to get out of the red but also and mainly, to rid the public of the notion that a disaster is inevitable."

This "feeling of inevitable disaster" was wreaking havoc among the youngsters. Before they go into the army, and after they get out of it, they discuss one thing: "perhaps life will be better abroad. They have begun thinking of building their future in a foreign country, and not here."

"Even if they do not go abroad for an 'indefinite period,' but remain here, their hearts and thoughts are abroad, especially since some of their fellow sabras have already left the country."

"One way of stopping this emigration is to see that the young couples can find a place to live. This means building flats for them. A place to live gives them a feeling of security."

If these flats were not forthcoming soon, the present polarization in Israel will be intensified, and this will create a situation whose consequences are impossible to describe.

Another serious problem which must be tackled "with all intensity" is the adverse balance of payments, caused partially by inflation.

At one time, the authorities boasted that our best efforts were being concentrated on exporting. But the importance of exporting has died in the public mind, although increased exports will cut the adverse balance of payments. One reason why industrialists are no longer mounting export drives is soaring inflation here, with industrialists being able to make much greater profits at home than abroad.

One solution, he believes, is for the government to re-instate the practice of giving premiums for exporters. This will help the dollar income not only to keep pace with rising costs on the local market, but also to surpass such costs.

"And such costs, especially of labour, began to spiral lately due to the 'extra standby pay' which the engineers (and all those earning salaries linked to the engineers) recently won in their labour contracts. This increased wages by 15-20 per cent." Berkovich does not believe employers knew what they were doing when they signed these agreements.

Another thing the government

should do, after re-instating export premiums, was to help the Israeli Standards Institution, which was fighting desperately to help Israeli products jump the non-tariff barriers. If our products can be tested locally, and such tests accepted abroad, it would help our export drive immensely, he says.

But he believes that the government is either near-sighted or turning a blind eye to helping the Standards Institution put up a good fight. Berkovich also thinks the government made a grave mistake in allowing the Americans to build the two airfields in the Negev without using local men and equipment.

"We have plenty of equipment and men here who could do a great deal of the work for the Americans in the Negev. This is the same as 'exporting.' Instead of sending our men and equipment to foreign countries to earn dollars, they could stay home and make the same dollars."

Moreover, he believes that enough men and equipment are available here so that it would not cause any slowdown in building flats for young couples.

He also wants the government to continue its present drive to catch income tax dodgers and those who have accumulated huge amounts of black capital. But he does not attach the same importance to this as others do, pointing out that "it exists in every country in the Western world."

Nevertheless, he would like to see the amount of it in Israel reduced to an absolute minimum, not only to clean up the "moral air of decay," but also because it feeds inflation.

As for taxing linked bonds, he thinks it is ridiculous. "These bonds are an excellent investment haven for the small and middle-size investor who wants to put his money in a safe place. And his profits are not great."

He draws a sharp distinction between inflationary profits, which means that a person has more money, but can only buy the same amount of goods, and real profits. "If we stop thinking in pounds and start thinking in loaves of bread, the situation becomes clearer. If I put away a loaf of bread for a few years, I want an extra slice of bread as interest. But if I put away this loaf for a few years, and have to surrender a slice, then I would prefer to go out and buy something tangible, like a colour TV set, not to invest my money."

The fatts enjoy Fashion Week



Trade Minister Gideon Patt and his wife (in the middle) take a good look as a model displays the fall beauty of her Gortex gown.

By GREER FAY CASHEMAN Special to The Jerusalem Post

Wives of Cabinet Ministers don't always have the opportunity to share in their husbands' official duties; and when they do participate, it is usually in the capacity of guest or hostess at state receptions.

Industry, Trade and Tourism Minister Gideon Patt yesterday took his wife on an official tour of duty, which was not in the nature of a state reception, but one which she obviously enjoyed.

It is an Israeli Fashion Week tradition for the industry and trade minister to tour the showrooms, starting always with Israel's two major fashion exporters, Gortex and Beged Or. The minister is always accompanied on these tours by a large entourage of ministry personnel, representatives of the Israel Export Institute, and the press.

At Gortex, the long-legged, sun-bronzed mannequins oblige the photographers by moving as close to the minister as possible, to the amusement of everyone else in the room. One can't help wondering what the situation will be if some future government gives the industry and trade portfolio to a member of the NRP. But Patt didn't seem to mind at all, and his wife accepted the scene in good spirit.

At Beged Or, the guests were

entertained by Leslie Fulop, whose witty comments kept everyone laughing in between the expressions of admiration for the ultra-fashionable range of suede garments paraded by the models.

Fulop introduced what he calls "peace grey" as part of Beged Or's colour range. He stated that since doves are grey, he had connected the symbolism with fashion.

At Alaska, the retinue interrupted export manager Yohi Zahkar in the midst of negotiating sales with German buyers; and at Sportlife, Shlomo Lazar took time out from attending to his buyers to tell the minister what a tough time Israelis are having competing with prices on the European market.

Like his predecessors, Patt didn't stand on ceremony. He chatted amiably with manufacturers, designers and models, and went from floor to floor of the Jerusalem Hilton via the back stairs instead of taking the elevator.

As official duties go, Patt probably found Fashion Week more relaxing than some of the other activities in which he has been involved in recent weeks.

Piryon profits jump 102%

TEL AVIV. — Profits for the Piryon Investment Trust jumped by 102 per cent for the year ending on March 31, 1979, to stand at IL2.5m.

Piryon is controlled by the Eisenberg group. Piryon's consolidated balance sheet, at the time of the report, was IL2.6m., more than triple the total balance sheet figure a year earlier. The market value of the assets surpassed the IL100m. mark.

The company's board of directors will soon ask the approval of the upcoming general annual meeting for the payment of 50 per cent in bonus shares and a cash dividend of four per cent.

Co-managing directors Jonathan Zuhovitsky and Michael Albin pointed out that in the last few years the company had engaged in a programme of acquisitions and rapid expansion. "We are now enter-

Local authorities request IL7.5b.

ing a period of consolidation," stated Zuhovitsky.

Both directors are hopeful that the company's investment in the First International Bank of Israel will contribute to profits in the current year.

The directors are currently analyzing how to increase the activities of the Maritime Bank of Israel, recently acquired by the Eisenberg group. It is expected that Piryon will eventually assume a meaningful equity position in the Maritime Bank.

Piryon holds a 10 per cent stake in Rapac Electronics. It also has major holdings in Lodzia and Ata Textiles.

Local authorities request IL7.5b.

Post Economic Reporter The local authorities have asked the Treasury for a further IL7.5b. to cover their mounting deficits. The request was made Monday, to Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich.

The Interior Ministry claims that the sum is inflated, and that IL5.5b. would suffice. Ehrlich, however, was yesterday prepared to offer no more than a consolidation of the authorities' debts and an easier repayment schedule — provided they take no more loans from the banks. The authorities place their present debt at IL4.5b., while the Interior Ministry claims the figure is nearer IL2.8b.

At all events, the Treasury has gone ahead with the transfer of IL1.1b. to the local authorities. It informed them, however, that any budgetary cut decided by the government will affect them as well, and that this should be taken into account when they come to request new budgets.

Meanwhile, the authorities claim that the Health Ministry — which itself recently demanded an additional budget of IL7.5b. — owes them some IL1.5b. They say they will be taking this up with the Treasury.

Tefahot profits up 98% to stand at IL332.9m.

TEL AVIV. — Tefahot Israel Mortgage Bank has just reported a net profit of IL332.9m., up 98 per cent, and earnings per share of 102 per cent for the period ending March 31, 1979.

The net profit was nearly double that of a year ago, while share earnings rose by 82 per cent.

The major shareholders of the bank are the government, which holds 17.1 per cent of the equity and 51.8 per cent of the control. Clal Israel holds 22.4 per cent of the equity and 15.3 per cent of the control, while Israel Investors Corp. owns 19.7 per cent of the equity and 16.3 per cent control.

The balance of the shares are in the hands of the public and are registered on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

For nearly two years negotiations have been in progress concerning the Reichmann brothers of Canada and the United Mirrabank Bank. However, so far the talks have been negative.

The bank has three subsidiaries and two main affiliates. These include the Carmel Mortgage Bank, Kishon Investments, Company for

Tefahot profits up 98% to stand at IL332.9m.

Cratts Rehabilitation, Hayarkon, and Israelon.

Incorporated in 1945, the bank is nearly a full financial institution. It has the right to raise funds from the government and government-controlled housing companies and other depositors. The main source of funds is the government, with the balance being raised from debentures issued on the local capital market.

The bank also manages "savings schemes" such as the "Until 130 programme".

Due to the negotiations concerning the sale of the bank, Tefahot has not listed on the Stock Exchange to raise any new funds, since the government did not wish to dilute its equity. In spite of this, the consolidated balance sheet total, in the year under review, rose by nearly 40 per cent, to IL25.5b. The loan and deposit item accounted for 87 per cent of the balance sheet total.

Operating profits for the year stood at IL799.5m. — a 64 per cent gain. The board of directors has recommended the payment of 36 per cent in bonus shares and a gross cash dividend of 22 per cent. This compares with 30 and 20 per cent, respectively, a year ago.

Big dam will keep Leningrad dry

MOSCOW (AP). — A Kremlin decree published yesterday has ordered the start of full-scale construction work on a massive 25.4-kilometre dam system to protect Leningrad against chronic floods.

The huge construction job is to be designed as an "all-union Komsomol shock project" by the country's Communist Youth League.

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Elscent share profit up 260%

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter TEL AVIV. — Elscint, the Haifa-based manufacturer of computerized axial tomography, popularly known as Cat Scanners, has announced that earnings per share (EPS) for the year ending March 31, 1979 were \$0.36 (IL2.56). A year ago these profits were only \$0.10 (IL1.17). On sales of 21.5m. (IL40.1m.) the company realized an after-tax profit of \$295,000 (IL7.7m.) as compared with \$243,000 (IL5.9m.) a year earlier.

Elscent reports its results in U.S. dollars since its shares are traded over-the-counter in the U.S.

With the introduction of its new high-speed computerized tomography system the company expects to increase its profits in the current year. Dr. Avraham Suhani,

Elscent share profit up 260%

Elscent's president, told The Post that orders for the new scanner are coming in rapidly.

In a recent article on Israel in Barron's, the prestigious American financial weekly, Elscint was featured as an outstanding example of the successful utilization of Israeli research and development in industry. Barron's estimates that in the current year Elscint will show a profit of about \$0.80 or more a share.

During a recent visit to Israel, Frederick Adler, American lawyer and venture capitalist, who holds five per cent of Elscint's shares, suggested that Israeli companies should think in terms of being multinational. He said that if a firm wants to sell in the American market, it has to have production facilities there. To what extent Adler's thinking will influence Elscint's planning is hard to tell now.

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Experts argue about the future of gold Gold—which way?

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The price of gold recently broke through the psychological barrier of \$300 an ounce and at one stage reached the all-time high of \$307. Profit-taking later brought the price down close to \$280. However, it took only three days to bring it back to the \$300 level again.

In the past few days the price has been hovering just below the \$300 mark. While daily fluctuations are of interest primarily to the short-term speculator, many people who take a broader view have started to think about the long-term prospects of the metal.

Expert opinion is divided as to the future course of gold prices. Dr. Guenther Reimann, editor of the prestigious International Reports, a weekly financial newsletter, recently wrote that gold could easily see its price rise to the \$400 or even \$500 mark next year.

Reimann, a currency specialist, sees holdings in gold as one of the few ways of avoiding erosion of values, which is inherent in the holding of currencies.

The Swiss banking community appears to be equally bullish, however, they take a more cautious view. A banker from Swiss Credit recently told The Jerusalem Post that the recent slump in the price of gold has been abetted by major purchases from the Middle East.

He pointed out that until six months ago investors from Arab

countries assiduously avoided the gold market. However, there has been a change of attitude, as millions of dollars are now directed into gold holdings. The Swiss banker suggests adding to holdings.

Argus Research Corporation, one of America's most respected advisory companies, has turned bearish on the other hand, and expects a sharp break in the price of gold. Argus points out that America's recessionary economy is a negative sign for gold as is the anticipated drop of the high American inflation rate.

The Argus people argue that the recent problems of the American dollar will ease or at least fade into the background and also mitigate interest in gold.

Argus takes a two-tier view of gold. One is that of a commodity and the other of a financial asset, which is held in anticipation of an investment or speculative return.

The research concern regards the price of gold as carrying a speculative premium of \$50 to \$100 per ounce.

South Africans, who traditionally have assumed an optimistic view concerning gold, continue to believe that its price will rise. Regardless of one's position on the future of gold, investors can look back on the last year as a period in which gold holdings appreciated by 80 per cent and gave one of the best returns among the various popular forms of investment.

Gov't financing of industrial exports seen as crucial

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The future of Israel lies in industrial exports, and such exports are possible only if the government provides the capital for expanding industrial production, according to Yosef ("Joe") Levy, operations control manager at Koor, the country's largest industrial complex.

He justifies his statement that only industry can solve the country's problems, by pointing out that "agricultural exports are reaching, if they have not already reached, the limits of their expansion. Water is in short supply, and unless a breakthrough comes in desalination, allowing sweet water to be produced at reasonable prices, we cannot expect any significant increase in the export of fruits and vegetables."

Levy also rules out selling services, such as transportation. "Eilat is running into debt, and unless there is a radical change there, it will increase its debt next year. He also does not believe that Zim is doing too well."

Tourism can be a money-maker, he admits, but points out that even in the best of years it cannot match the foreign currency earned by industry.

As for government financing, he says it is not available from other sources. The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange has not in the past raised significant sums, and it is doubtful that it will do so in the future. Under present conditions, moreover, it is difficult for firms to raise their own expansion capital from their profits.

Levy also believes that although foreign investments are flowing into the country, "most of them are not being used for industrial expansion. This leaves only the government. All other sources cannot provide the massive investments needed in industry."

If industrial expansion at the rate of four to five per cent is considered excellent in other countries, this pace cannot meet Israel's needs.

"We should increase our industrial output by at least 12 per cent, perhaps as much as 15 per cent, each and every year, if we are to get the country's economy on an even keel," he says.



Yosef "Joe" Levy

Levy reluctantly admits that in the past the government perhaps gave industry loans "on conditions much too favourable." He thinks that the 70 per cent linkage, which is the new government's policy, can be borne by industry, but he notes that the government must also expect to take risks.

It must be ready to finance the erection and expansion of plants whose prospects may be on the border line of success, in the hope that most of them will not only pass this line, but prove highly successful.

He feels that the government should also take steps, "unpopular as they might be," to see that industry also gets, in addition to expansion capital, the manpower it requires.

"Machines without workers are useless," he says, pointing out that there is plenty of manpower available, but it is working, or being believed to be working, in the wrong places, that is to say, in the services.

He admits that switching this manpower to the productive sector is fraught with political pitfalls, for the employees in the services outnumber those in production, and thus have a larger vote.

Brazil assures ample coffee supply

LONDON (AP). — Brazil has enough coffee in stock to be considered a steady world supplier until next April, when the new crop comes on tap, international coffee experts said yesterday.

The experts said latest figures from the Brazilian Coffee Institute (BCEI) put its reserves at 7.1 million bags of green coffee by September 30, the end of the current coffee year. A bag holds 60 kilograms or 133 pounds of green beans.

Stocks in private hands, mostly ex-

porters, are expected to total another 11.1 million bags. This means that Brazil can dispose of 18.2 million bags between September 30 and April next year.

This official estimate does not include stocks in small warehouses and held by farmers, which could amount to 1 to 1.5 million bags.

Warehouses holding less than 100,000 bags of green coffee do not come under the BCEI's official scrutiny and are reported to the International Coffee Organization's statistical department in London.

Ben-Gurion runway expansion forces kibbutz to move

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Implementation of the first phase of a huge expansion programme for Ben-Gurion Airport will lead to the abandoning of nearby Kibbutz Be'erot Yitzhak.

Originally located some five kms. from Gaza, the kibbutz was resettled in 1949 near Lod airport on land formerly part of the German colony of Wilhelmshafen.

The new move of the kibbutz is necessitated by the Airport Authority's decision to proceed with the extension of the north-east runway 03/21 from its present length of 1,800 metres to 3,000 metres, which will bring it in direct line with the kibbutz.

The runway extension is part of an overall ten-year development programme to cost some \$15m.

First planned in 1971 to cope with the rapid growth of aircraft traffic at the airport, a reported 130 "near misses" involving aircraft, provided the necessary impetus to go ahead with the runway's extension.

The U.S. Mitre airport consulting company, engaged by the Airport Authority, spent over 18 months gathering data and carrying out surveys of the airport's activities.

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craft movements would reach 30,000, rising to over 40,000 by 1987 and up to 70,000 movements annually by 1992.

With the completion of the present extension of runway 03/21, planned by 1982, as well as the addition of modern navigational and radar equipment, Ben-Gurion Airport will be able to handle the estimated traffic growth while the chances of "near-misses" will recede to almost nil.

Japan loan to extend Egypt's phone network

TOKYO (AP). — Japan will lend Egypt \$138m. yen (\$23.8m.) to help finance a telephone network project, the foreign ministry announced yesterday.

The loan will be used to purchase necessary equipment to improve telephone networks in Port Said, Ismailia and Suez, a foreign ministry spokesman said.

He said the loan will carry an interest rate of 3.5 per cent a year. It will be repayable in 30 years, including a 10-year grace period.

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Money Matters

Consolidation of stock gains continues

Both the share market and the bond market came through with mixed performance yesterday. In the case of the share market it would seem to be a question of consolidation of the recent and relatively sharp gains.

Stocks & bonds—the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

Land development and real estate shares were generally mixed. ILDC (B) was down by 20 points while Sotef Bank "C" shares were up 10 points.

The prices of industrial shares drifted lower. Frutarom was very active as the share fell by nearly 5 per cent to 135.4.

Teva options were down by 20 points while the registered shares were 17 lower at 580.

Amper was dropped lower as profit-taking dropped the shares for a 50-point loss. Or Investments debentures were 9.3 per cent higher at 285.

Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

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TRAVEL TRENDS

By BARUCH SAVILLE Post Travel Reporter. UNITED STATES - National Airlines is offering passengers flying the airline from London, Frankfurt, Paris, or Amsterdam to Miami...

50 years after the onset of the Great Depression THE GREAT CRASH

By GWYNETH DYER. All the best ways of making one's capital multiply involve the owner in no work at all - like the stock market. However, what goes up must come down, and 80 years ago this October Wall Street came down with a crash that still reverberates in Western memory.

U.S. financier buys into Britain's Rothschild Investment Trust

LONDON (UPI). - American financier Saul Steinberg's Reliance Group plans to buy a 20 per cent share stake in Rothschild Investment Trust (RIT), a Rothschild spokesman said yesterday.

Jlem travel agency opens TA office

By BARUCH SAVILLE Post Travel Reporter. TEL AVIV. - Trans-Global Travel, Tel Aviv, which opens officially on Friday, is part of the Trans-Global Company Jerusalem, founded by David Frank. It has developed to become one of the largest Israeli-owned tour operators dealing with the U.S. non-Jewish market.

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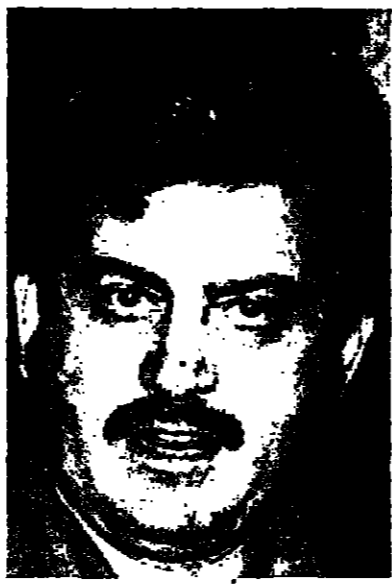
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Victory for Neturei Karta

THE COUNTRY will not go to pieces if a new Jerusalem sports stadium takes a couple of more years to build than planned, and if it is built not at Shuafat, to the north of the capital, but near Har Homa, to the south.
In itself, the stadium, though a patent necessity, is a minor matter. Like many other unmet necessities, it can wait.
The real issue in the stadium controversy is something very different. It is, essentially, who is to be ruler in Israel: the majority of the people, risen as they are from the ashes of the Holocaust to set up their sovereign state, or a smallish group of religious zealots, to whom the Holocaust is divine punishment for the sin of Zionism.

Uzi Baram, head of the Knesset's 'Jerusalem Lobby,' gives Post Political Correspondent MARK SEGAL his views on the current political scene.

LOBBYIST FOR JERUSALEM



Uzi Baram. (U. Keren)

SIXTEEN MEMBERS of all parties belong to the Knesset's 'Jerusalem lobby' and the most passionately concerned is its chairman, Uzi Baram, 42, a Labour MK who was born and educated in Jerusalem.
Baram is dissatisfied that billions of pounds are being poured into what he calls the 'West Bank adventures of Gush Emunim' through Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, while the capital goes short. The government's housing record in the city is unimpressive and the shortage of homes is driving newly-arrived young couples to the coastal plain. Some 1,500 young couples have been forced to leave the city of their birth over the past two years because they have nowhere to live, he points out.

was also secretary of his party's independent-minded youth division whose dovish views infuriated Golda Meir. Like his father, Uzi Baram also married into a Sephardi family and both are enthusiastic supporters of the Jerusalem Hapoel football team.
Baram is one of those Labour men who pray for Premier Begin's good health. After all, 'he's my Prime Minister, too. I want him to head the Likud for the next elections,' he says with a grin, adding more plausibly that it may be inconvenient fighting a prime minister who is ill, 'though Labour has enough ammunition to use against him.'

Another painful issue is the fact that only 12 per cent of the capital's population is employed in industry compared to the national average of 20 per cent. As low as this ratio is, a high proportion are Arabs and of the city's building workers, 70 per cent are Arab. If not for the work force coming from East Jerusalem, construction, workshops and even services in the city might grind to a halt.
Instead of issuing declarations about Jerusalem, the government should create the conditions for attracting more Jews to live in Jerusalem and to keep those born there from leaving, he declares.

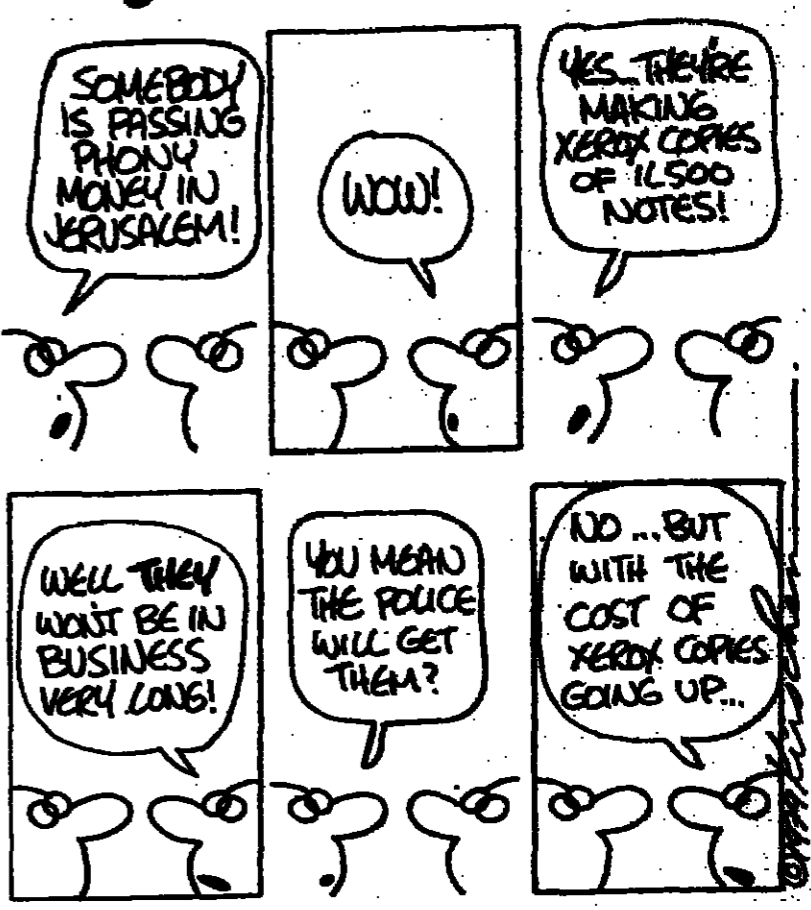
When asked about the recent rally at Binayon Ha'otzma, where President Navon declined to sign the proclamation attacking the government's housing policies, Baram says it was a non-party protest. 'A new generation has emerged that does not attack this or that party, but the system itself. That's highly explosive material. In a city where relations between Arabs and Jews are so complex, matters might get out of hand,' the Jerusalem MK solemnly warns.

THOUGH ONLY in his early forties, Uzi Baram is already a name to reckon with in Israeli politics. As head of the Labour Party's Jerusalem branch, he carries enough clout to advance him to the front bench when and if Labour returns to power. He is a charter-member of the constellation that will have much say in Labour's affairs in years to come. It comprises Labourites from Jerusalem, Haifa, part of Tel Aviv and the kibbutzim, with the Bank Hapoalim Chairman, Yac'ov Levinson, hovering enigmatically in the background.
Baram was born into a political household. His father, Moshe, was the boss of the local party branch before him, and Labour minister in Rabin's cabinet. His younger brother, Haim, is the brain behind Shell's Knesset caucus. Uzi himself

'He is quite the opposite of what the Likud promised us. He lacks leadership and is a weak premier. His ministers do as they please. Perhaps his love for gratuity has trapped him thinking that the word is the deed. When he talks about building houses, he seems to believe that his words will conjure up walls and roofs. The words haven't been translated into action yet.'

Back in 1974, Baram was one of Yitzhak Rabin's two sponsors for the premiership at the party central committee. Since then, he has had regrets. He is particularly distressed by Rabin's letting his obsession with Shimon Peres get the better of his political instincts. Peres is the party's leader and its undisputed candidate for premier, Baram states. Uzi is considering the possibility of adapting the British idea of a 'shadow cabinet' to Labour's politics. He argues that Labour's credibility would be enhanced if the public knew who its future leaders would be. Such a team should include former cabinet ministers, personalities such as Ya'acov Levinson and new faces from towns and kibbutzim. Baram emphatically rejects talk of a kibbutz take-over of the party, arguing that they only seek to be part of a team. After many inward-looking years, the new kibbutz leadership is eager to employ its newly-united movement's considerable resources in the services of a revived Labour Party. It is seeking allies in the cities and the develop-

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ment towns, he says.
'The Kibbutz Hameuhad people may be loyal to Yigal Alon, but I'm certain they will follow Peres, if only because they know that an internal struggle will serve Begin's purposes,' he says.

He believes that Labour has clear-cut policies, not just kneejerk reactions. Neither Amos Ehadar to the right nor Yossi Sarid to the left speaks for the mainstream, which cleaves to the idea of a territorial compromise. If, as he expects, the West Bank autonomy scheme comes a cropper, there will always be the Jordanian option, he maintains.
Despite his close ties with the kibbutzim, Baram has not signed their petition calling for the annexation of the Golan Heights, because he believes annexation might block the chance of a deal with Syria.

COMING BACK to Jerusalem politics, he recalls that the capital had always been a Herut stronghold which gave the Likud a record-breaking 300,000 votes in the 1977 Knesset elections. Yet in November 1978 when the municipal poll was held, the Likud list only garnered 15,000 compared to the 45,000 for the predominantly Labour list that backed Kolek. (Kolek himself got 60,000 votes.) Baram sees these figures as a portent of the Likud's decline in one of its strongholds and of Labour's recovery. What is particularly striking is Herut's weakened position in the Katamon quarters

and other immigrant neighbourhoods.

The political picture is changing remarkably in these areas: the patriarchal leaders of the large families (Baram's) have lost much of their authority, and the local-born generation votes as individuals. 'They used to vote Herut as an expression of rebellion against the old hermit system which Mapai nurtured in the 1950s,' he explains. He claims that these Jerusalem neighbourhoods, the reservoir of the mass vote on which the Likud has relied in the past, is now bitterly disillusioned with Begin's leadership. 'They thought that the change of regime would result in the amelioration of their living standards and that social justice would be seen to be done. The disappointment has been as great as their expectations,' he claims, saying that the failure of the government's economic policy has alienated this major group of supporters. What worries Baram is that part of this disenchantment with the Likud and still surviving dislike of Labour, might seek anarchistic outlets.

The old guide-lines have been cast out of the window and Labour, even if it returns to power, will have to get used to the notion that it can be turned out after one term if it does not deliver the goods to the electorate. 'One thing is certain: at the next elections, these voters will choose the lesser of the two evils,' Baram says.

POSTSCRIPTS

'IN YOUR edition of August 16,' writes a Jerusalem professor, 'you published a report from Teheran about the Ayatollah Khomeini's threat to drown all of Israel 'if every Moslem poured a bucket of water on it.'

'Notwithstanding the technological fantasy of such an undertaking, the only person swept away by such rhetoric was Khomeini himself. If each one of the 800 million Moslems in the world would pour one bucket of water of 15 litres capacity, the total would amount to approximately 10 million cubic metres of water.
'On an ordinary rainy day in winter, with a downpour of 25mm., the humid part of Israel, i.e. north of Beersheba, would receive 300 million cu.m. of rain. Ten million cu.m. would provide a trickle, barely able to wet the soil.
'So there is still no need to plan the construction of a new ark.'

NEW IMMIGRANTS working in 15 factories around the country will soon be able to take not only a coffee break but a Hebrew break.

After learning that many recent immigrants have trouble in their new jobs because of inadequate Hebrew, the Absorption Ministry decided to set up seminars in various industrial complexes with the Education Ministry's help.

Plants that hire many immigrants will be chosen for the experiment first. Students will learn basic Hebrew as well as technical terms necessary for doing their jobs.

Each class will have at least 10 students and continue for a full year, with six hours of lessons a week. Half of the time will be on the plant time and the other half after regular working hours. The Absorption Ministry has contacted 150 industrial firms and asked them to participate in the project.

SIXTY French Jewish teenagers who are in Israel during their summer vacation have 'adopted' the Musara quarter of Jerusalem. The youths will collect money for the purchase of sports equipment for the Musara youth club and will host a group of Jerusalem youngsters at a Fund Societe camp in Europe.

The 'adoption' is encouraged by the World Zionist Organization, which has organized the summer projects that bring thousands of Jewish kids to Israel every year. In one recent event, the French visitors were guests at the Musara club and telephone contact was established between a Fund Societe camp abroad. The conversation was amplified and heard by groups on both sides of the Mediterranean.

EVEN the President of Israel can't take care of his garden in the shmita (sabbatical) year without permission from the chief rabbi.

A religious Jew who works at Beit Haanssi recently queried Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef about what to do with flower beds on the premises during the sabbatical year that starts on Rosh HaShana 5780.

According to the Tora, the land of Eretz Yisrael must lie fallow during the seventh year. The chief rabbi suggested that all the trees and bushes on the Beit Haanssi grounds be sold symbolically by the Chief Rabbinate to a non-Jew so that they can be cared for during shmita.

The chief rabbi noted that decorative plants are regarded more leniently than edible plants.

OUR DUTCH correspondent tells us that the homosexual wing of Holland's Pacifist Socialist Party has appealed to the Amsterdam Municipal Executive for the establishment of a monument to the 200,000 homosexuals who were killed by the Nazis. A similar monument for the Gypsies was erected in Amsterdam last year.

Mayor Willem Poika replied that it is not for the Amsterdam Municipality to take such an initiative. The site for such a monument, he said, can be discussed only after a decision in principle has been taken on the desirability of such a monument.

A FEW WEEKS after Prime Minister Menachem Begin returned home from the hospital, he asked Prof. Haim Gevaryahu, the head of the World Jewish Bible Society, to resume the weekly Saturday night Bible classes in the premier's home. About two dozen Bible scholars, with small copies of the holy book in hand, arrived to discuss the weekly portion, 'Re'eh.' The first verse that was discussed was especially appropriate, because it dealt with Eilon (el) Moreh, the site of the disputed Samaritan settlement near Nablus (Shechem).

Still recuperating from his minor stroke, the Premier was quiet during the lesson and didn't shake the hand of each guest before it started, but he followed the text in the Bible, giving no indication of any vision problems.

WHILE a real Kulturkampf between the religious and secular sectors of Israeli society has not yet developed, the social temperature seems to be rising daily. Much of this is due to a lot of hot air caused by what passes for social 'debate.' The recent (and ongoing) controversy surrounding the carless-day-a-week programme to save energy is a good case in point.

The secularists argue that any programme which would force each car off the road for one day a week would not save much energy — and even if it did, it would be socially unjust. Why? Because those Jews who observe the Sabbath and do not drive then in any case would not be sharing in the general sacrifice that such a programme entails.

There are a number of secondary problems attached to this line of reasoning. Leaving aside (to the experts) the question of effective gas mileage, the symbolic value of national sacrifice on this issue is not to be lightly dismissed. The problem is not merely one of gas-guzzling profligacy, but rather of a general non-recognition by most Israelis that they waste energy in all forms.

A palpable programme which affects the largest individual energy consumers (it can be assumed that those who own cars own other large energy-using appliances in greater proportion than non-car owners) would 'hit home' and affect behaviour in other areas of energy use as well.

In addition, the secularists' argument of social injustice is a two-edged sword — with the sharper side pointed at themselves.

Is it socially 'fair' that some customs have cars while others do not? Why do the secularists consider only their 'sacrifice' under such a programme while not addressing the real hardship of those who labour every day without the benefit of a car? In fact, they do not do so for the simple reason: it would point up the absurdity of their argument.

Why pick on the religious who don't drive only one day a week; the logic of the secularist position should

force them to suggest the injustice of the non-car owners not sharing in the programme's sacrifice since they never drive at all.

Third, why is it assumed that the religious sector will not suffer as a result of this programme? The Sabbath observance is from Friday sundown until starlight on Saturday. The carless day would run from Friday midnight until Saturday midnight. Precisely because the Sabbath-observers do not travel on the Shabbat they usually use the only free time left to them for driving to friends, movies, etc. — Saturday night — a period which would be effectively closed to them if they chose Saturday as the carless day. (Throughout, I will ignore the fact that Saturday driving would not be proscribed under this programme to anyone choosing another carless day; the non-Sabbath observers need not lose the use of their car on their free day at all.)

Thus, the religious sector, too, would be sacrificing something; just a few hours perhaps, but all the more dear as a result of the limited availability of this time.

NONE OF THESE arguments, however, go to the heart of the matter. In essence, the secularists see injustice here because those observant Jews who, from the very

start, have been voluntarily sacrificing and conserving would not be as burdened as would others by a programme forced on all. Consequently (the argument boils down to), those who secondarily and foresightedly have been conserving from the outset must not be 'rewarded' for their self-abnegation by having others 'forced' into sharing their sacrifice.

One need not be a Sholom Aleichem to appreciate the Chelmeik quality of this approach to the issue.

Spectacular arguments aside, there is a profound point here that is in danger of being lost amidst the obfuscatory give-and-take between the two sides. In reality, the Sabbath-observer's conservatism is not a matter of luck, serendipity or fortuitous circumstance. Rather, it is an integral part of the very theology underlying the whole notion of a Shabbat.

The generally held view that the Sabbath signifies cessation from physical work is incorrect. The Sabbath symbolizes and enforces rest not from actual labour (after all, God did not 'work up a sweat' the first six days) but rather rest from all forms of creation and (its converse) destruction. This is why, from the Halachic standpoint, one does

not (technically) transgress the Sabbath by jogging around the block a few dozen times, but one does break the Sabbath by lighting a match.

The former involves no act of creativity or destruction while the latter induces a 'resh may'ayin' — creation ex nihilo (on a human plane and not, as is understood, on the atomic level).

As a result, the conservation of natural resources — human as well as natural/physical — is the very raison d'etre of the Jewish day of rest.

The Jewish Sabbath teaches us that there are limits both to our powers of creativity and destruction and to the natural resources placed at our disposal. The Sabbath, then, is not only a day of rest for us humans from the turmoil inherent in our attempts to survive by mastering nature, but is as much a day of rest for nature from the human depletions upon its wealth and energy.

This concept can be clearly seen not only in the injunctions against making animals work on the Sabbath (as recited in the afternoon Kiddush) but also in the whole area of Shmitah — the year-long Sabbath for Nature's agricultural domain — into which we are fittingly entering this coming year.

Judaism, therefore, can be seen to have predated the present-day

ecology and conservation movements by at least a few millennia. The Torah in its approach to the natural world understood that both actors in the weekly dialectic between Man and Nature needed to take a break from each other periodically in order to emerge revitalized for the next round.

In its small way, the government's proposal for a carless day would codify the programmatic lines set down by our original 'Chief of State.' Such a modest proposal would not 'punish' anyone; on the contrary, it would reward all concerned.

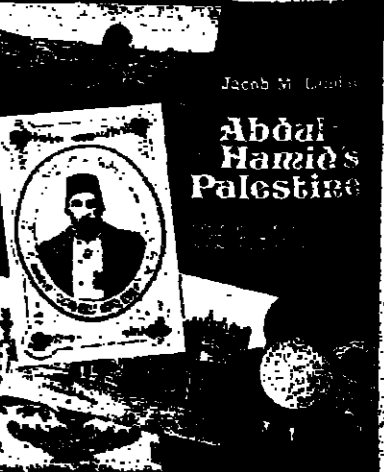
It would also serve the salutary purpose of reminding us that the traditional Jewish approach to the physical world was the correct one from the very beginning.

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ALIYA FROM THE WEST
Prior to the Holocaust, Zionists envisaged a Jewish State inhabited by millions of Jews. Had such a state emerged it would not have automatically transformed America into an 'exile' for its Jews. Is Rabbi Chinitz advocating a theory of 'useful exiles' which argues that since Israel, alas, must look to America for large scale aliya, there is no alternative but to label America an 'exile'?
This by itself will not make Israel more attractive to potential olim or reduce the rate of neshira and yerida. Furthermore, ideologizing aliya from the west will merely polarize the American Jewish Community, generate incessant debates on the meaning of 'exile' and exacerbate relations between Israel and America. Whether it will lead to increased aliya is highly questionable.
It is also possible that the 'American' in the olech can make a contribution to the general life-style here in such areas as rights of the individual, religious pluralism and increased productivity, which can be achieved without a majority of world

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